



Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Request for Extension of Time to Dispose of Assets Acquired in Satisfaction of Debts Previously Contracted (FR 4006; OMB No. 7100-0129).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [insert date 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 4006, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Website: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include the OMB number or FR number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.
- Mail: Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter's request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any confidential business information, identifying information, or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room M-4365A, 2001 C St NW, Washington, DC 20551, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make

an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 452-3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer – Nuha Elmaghrabi – Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551, (202) 452-3829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft reporting form and instructions, supporting statement, and other documentation, will be made available on the Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportforms/review.aspx> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal under OMB Delegated Authority to Extend for Three Years, With Revision, the Following Information Collection

Report title: Request for Extension of Time to Dispose of Assets Acquired in Satisfaction of Debts Previously Contracted.

Agency form number: FR 4006.

OMB control number: 7100-0129.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents: Bank holding companies (BHCs).

Estimated number of respondents: Section 225.12(b), 1; Section 225.22(d)(1), 20; Section 225.140(c) and (d), 12.

Estimated average hours per response: Section 225.12(b), 5; Section 225.22(d)(1), 5; Section 225.140(c) and (d), 2.

Estimated annual burden hours: Section 225.12(b), 5; Section 225.22(d)(1), 100; Section 225.140(c) and (d), 24.

General description of report: The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (BHC Act) and the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225) require a bank holding company that, either through foreclosure or otherwise in the ordinary course of collecting a debt previously contracted (DPC), acquired voting securities of a bank or BHC or the securities or assets of a company engaged in a nonbanking activity to seek prior Board approval in order to retain ownership of those shares or assets for more than two years.

Proposed revisions: The Board proposes to revise the FR 4006 to account for the voluntary reporting provisions set forth in sections 225.140(c) and 225.140(d) of Regulation Y. These sections state, respectively, that a BHC that holds nonbanking DPC assets past the two-year statutory holding period should report annually to the appropriate Reserve Bank on its efforts to accomplish divestiture of such assets and that a BHC that holds real estate acquired as DPC property for longer than five years should keep the appropriate Reserve Bank advised on a regular basis concerning its efforts to dispose of the property.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR 4006 is authorized pursuant to sections 3(a) and 4(c)(2) of the BHC Act¹ and sections 225.12(b) and 225.22(d) of the Board's Regulation Y, which permit a BHC to acquire securities or assets in the ordinary course of collecting a DPC in good faith without seeking prior Board approval if such securities or assets (DPC property) are divested within two years of acquisition. To hold the DPC property beyond this two-year period, a BHC must seek the Board's approval.² The FR 4006 is required to obtain this benefit.

¹ 12 U.S.C. 1842(a) and 1843(c)(2).

² The two-year period may be extended by the Board for up to three years in one-year increments (12 CFR 225.12(b); 12 CFR 225.22(d)(1)). The Board may provide up to five additional one-year extensions (for a total of ten years) if the DPC property is shares, real estate, or other assets where the holding company demonstrates that each extension would not be detrimental to the public interest and either the bank holding company has made good faith attempts to dispose of such shares, real estate or other assets or disposal of the shares, real estate or other assets during the initial period would have been detrimental to the company (12 CFR 225.22(d)(1)(ii)).

The information contained on the FR 4006 is not considered confidential unless an applicant requests confidential treatment in accordance with the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information.³ Requests for confidential treatment of information are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Information provided on the FR 4006 may be nonpublic commercial or financial information, which is both customarily and actually treated as private by the respondent, which is protected from disclosure pursuant to exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act.⁴

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³ 12 CFR 261.17.

⁴ 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).